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SUBJECT: US-GHANA BILATERAL RELATIONS

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF

1. DURING YOUR WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, WE WISH TO EXPLORE WITH YOU RECENT EVIDENCE OF STRAINS IN US-GHANA BILATERAL RELATIONS SUCH AS WATTS TURNDOWN, COMMISSIONER BAAH'S LANGUAGE DURING YOUR SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING, AND GHANAIAAN SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTION.

2. WE ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE OF BAAH'S GENERAL ATTITUDE TOWARD US AND OF SOME FEELING IN GOG US IS UNRESPONSIVE TO ISSUES GHANA CONSIDERS IMPORTANT (COCOA AGREEMENT, AVIATION BILATERAL). RECENT EXIM DENIAL OF GHANAIAAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING TWO 707S MAY ALSO CAUSE GOG TO BECOME MORE DIFFICULT IN NEGOTIATIONS ON OTHER SUBJECTS INVOLVING KAISER AND EXIM, WITH AGREEMENT
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TENTION.

3. TO FACILITATE YOUR WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, REQUEST
EMBASSY TRANSMIT PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL IN-DEPTH ASSESSMENT
OF US-GHANIAN RELATIONS AND PROBABLE TREND,ALONG WITH

SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION. WE WILL ALSO REFER TO ACCRA'S
PARA SUBMISSION AND DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH BAXTER DURING
HIS CONSULTATIONS THIS WEEK. KISSINGER

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